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1. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT SENATOR'S STAFF IS PLEASED BY PLANNED PROGRAM FOR HIS VISIT. WITH REFERENCE TO REQUESTS AND SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL, WE ARE PROVIDING SOME COMMENT HERE BUT WILL WISH TO TAKE UP ADDITIONAL DETAILS DIRECTLY WITH DAS LUERS WHEN HE ARRIVES IN MOSCOW.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED MFA OF THE SENATOR'S INTEREST IN CALLING ON BREZHNEV, KOSYGIN, OGARKOV AND ALTUNIN. PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF THE FIRST TWO, WE ARE UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY FAVORABLE WORD, IF ONE IS TO BE FORTHCOMING, UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE THE EVENT.

3. IN VIEW OF SENATOR'S INTEREST IN EXPANDING JANUARY 16 DINNER, WE ARE TRYING FOR SHERSHNEV (USA INSTITUTE DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ECONOMIST), MORDVINOV (CHIEF OF GOSPLAN SECTION ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS), AND DRDOSEYEV (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, USA DIVISION OF MFA) IN ADDITION TO MIKOYAN AND IVANOV.

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4. CONCERNING WEEKEND TRAVEL, WE NOTE SENATOR'S PREFERENCE FOR ZAGORSK AND OTHER CITIES CLOSER TO MOSCOW. UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN WITH THE BEST DRIVING CONDITIONS IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO TRY TO COVER ROSTOV AND YAROSLAVL ON THE SAME DAY AS A TRIP TO ZAGORSK. TRIP TO ROSTOV IS SOME FOUR HOURS FROM ZAGORSK, AND YAROSLAVL IS AN ADDITIONAL TWO

HOURS DRIVING. IN VIEW OF SCARCITY OF DAYLIGHT HOURS AND DIFFICULTY OF DRIVING IN DARKNESS, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT SENATOR PLAN TO CONFINES HIS SATURDAY TRIP TO ZAGORSK. THIS WOULD ALSO MAKE POSSIBLE SUNDAY SCHEDULE OF CHURCH VISITS PLUS DRIVE AROUND MOSCOW ENVIRONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT SENATOR AND PROFESSOR LEWIS SPEND NIGHT AT DACHA, AN EXPERIENCE WHICH WOULD BE SPARTAN AT BEST, BUT THAT WEEKEND SCHEDULE BE DEVELOPED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) SATURDAY:

0900 LEAVE FOR ZAGORSK VIA EMBASSY CAR,
ACCOMPANIED BY PROFESSOR LEWIS AND MR. AND MRS. JACK GUILSHER,
EMBASSY CONFERENCE ATTACHE.

1100-1400 GUIDED TOUR OF ZAGORSK MONASTERY AND ENVIRONS.

1400 LUNCH AT RESTAURANT.

1500 DRIVE TO EMBASSY DACHA AT TARASOVKA.

1600 DRINKS WITH THE MATLOCKS AND RELAXATION ON DACHA GROUNDS.

1900 DINNER AT LOCAL RESTAURANT IN TARASOVKA WITH MATLOCKS
AND GUILSHERS.

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2100 RETURN TO MOSCOW.

(B) SUNDAY:

1000 ATTEND BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICE.

1100 ATTEND ORTHODOX CHURCH SERVICE. (IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO LEAVE BAPTIST SERVICE EARLY TO ATTEND BOTH.)

1215 DRIVE TO RESTAURANT ON EDGE OF MOSCOW.

1300 LUNCH.

1430-1700 DRIVE AROUND ENVIRONS, INCLUDING PEREDELKINO IF POSSIBLE (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH EMBASSY CARS DO GO TO PEREDELKINO, IT IS TECHNICALLY IN CLOSED AREA; WHILE WE COULD REQUEST PERMISSION FOR SENATOR TO GO THERE, IT MIGHT WELL BE TURNED DOWN). ALTERNATIVELY, A TOUR IN MOSCOW COULD BE ARRANGED FOR THE AFTERNOON.

1730 RETURN TO HOTEL AND REST.

1900 SENATOR AND DAS LUERS HAVE DINNER AT SOVIET HOME.
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